

Ten of the Most Important Ways to Avoid Teacher-Student Confrontations

1. Do not get in the student's face.
2. Do not invade students' personal zone.
3. Do not act as the enemy.
4. Do not "fan the fumes" (or agitate).
5. Never reduce yourself to the student's level.
6. Do not threaten students.
7. Remain in control – self discipline without being territorial.
8. Respect professional behavior, be firm, but fair.
9. Seek to understand, then to be understood.
10. Avoid future confrontations by:
 - Counseling
 - Intervention